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Mercury Dimes

Mercury Dimes, minted by the United States from 1916 to 1945, are a fascinating piece of numismatic history. These dimes, also known as Winged Liberty Head dimes, are composed of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper, with each coin containing just over 0.072 troy ounces of silver. Although they are no longer produced or used as currency in everyday transactions, Mercury Dimes hold significant value for collectors. The value of these coins can vary greatly, depending on their condition, mint year, and whether they have a mint mark—coins minted in Denver (D) and San Francisco (S) are particularly sought after. For instance, a 1938 S Mercury Dime in MS 68+ condition fetched an astonishing $364,250 at auction. While most Mercury Dimes are not worth such astronomical sums, even common dates can be valuable if they are in excellent condition, especially with Full Bands detailing. Collectors often seek to have these coins graded by professional services to ascertain their condition and value accurately.